




**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<p>In re the Application of:</p> <p>CHU, David Z.J.</p> <p><b>Serial No.:</b> 10/749,877</p> <p><b>Filed:</b> December 31, 2003</p> <p><b>For: EXPANDABLE SURGICAL RETRACTOR FOR INTERNAL BODY SPACES APPROACHED WITH MINIMALLY INVASIVE INCISIONS OR THROUGH EXISTING ORIFICES</b></p>	<p><b>Examiner:</b> Cary E. O'Connor</p> <p><b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3732</p> <p><b>Conf. No.:</b> 6326</p> <p><b>Docket No.:</b> 54435.8002.US01</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited this 20th of December 2006 with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p> Rena lov</p>
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2006.

Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time in which to respond to said Office Action, extending the period for response to December 20, 2006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$510.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2586 for the requisite fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2586. Please enter the following paper, which includes:

Amendments to Specification, beginning on page 3 of this paper.

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Conclusion, beginning on page 21 of this paper.